

Appl. No. 10/725,960
Response dated February 18, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Oct. 18, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract because of the use of the work "means." The Abstract has been amended and is believed proper.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-21 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,655,873. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith in order to overcome the double patenting rejection. Please charge the Disclaimer Fee to Deposit Account 50-0695.

Applicant has amended claims 1-7, 11, 13 and 19 to change "drainage strips" to "drains" and to change "drainage means" to "drain." It is believed that the claims are still patentable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Enclosed is our Check No. 9217 in the amount of \$250.00 for the 1- month extension fee and terminal disclaimer fee. However, if this amount is insufficient, please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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